

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 650

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A RESOLUTION relative to wireless telephone service in
Anderson County.

WHEREAS, wireless telephone service is of vital importance to our citizens for their emergency communication needs, yet such service is virtually nonexistent in the Briceville and New River communities of Anderson County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, when accidents and life-threatening incidents have occurred in the vicinity of State Route 116, the lack of wireless telephone coverage has resulted in lives being lost and injuries being aggravated because of the delay in notifying emergency response crews and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Briceville and New River communities in Anderson County are unable to call for emergency services without the availability of a land line; and

WHEREAS, wireless telephone services are also of the utmost importance in attracting new retail, residential, and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, permitting and encouraging the placement of cellular towers in the Briceville and New River communities in Anderson County would allow for prompt emergency services to the citizens who live in these communities, in addition to attracting the new retail, residential, and industrial development that these communities desperately need; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body encourages the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and all wireless telephone providers to propose, encourage, permit, and erect cellular towers in the Briceville and New River communities of Anderson County, as wireless telephone service availability is of

vital importance to the public health, safety, and welfare of these citizens and essential to attracting new retail, residential, and industrial development to these underserved communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.